

3 August 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the NIS Program

1. There is transmitted herewith the Annual Report of the National Intelligence Survey Program for Fiscal Year 1956.

2. This has been a successful year of operations in which the JCS annual production goal of eight equivalent NIS was actually exceeded. Since the beginning of the program a total of 3,242 NIS sections has been produced, representing more than 60% of the total world coverage. The NIS on the Sino-Soviet Bloc is essentially complete and under active maintenance; and similar NIS coverage should be realized for nearly all areas in Western Europe, the Near East, and the Far East by next year.

3. Interagency support and coordination were excellent throughout the year. NIS intelligence requirements were refined and extended to satisfy the increasing needs for comprehensive basic intelligence. While some aspects of our intelligence have improved in quality, we cannot view with complacency the present level of attainment. Major emphasis is being directed to this objective through the NIS maintenance program which will account for nearly one-third of the total NIS effort during the forthcoming year.

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